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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : This is about a District Magistrate. I have made a thorough enquiry and no other Minister need reply.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Is there a bitter complaint against him by local practitioners? Will the Government make an enquiry in the matter?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I have already stated that Government are not aware of any such complaints. Therefore, no enquiry need be made.

Women Police

* 32 *Q.*—VIDWAN T. MUTHUKANNAPPAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state with reference to the answer given to Legislative Council Question No. 46 on 18th December 1959—

(*a*) whether the idea of recruiting women police for Madras State has since been given up; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

VIDWAN T. MUTHUKANNAPPAN : போலீஸ் படைக்குப் பெண்கள் தேர்ந்தெடுப்பதற்குத் தாமதம் ஏற்படக்காரண மென்ன ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : காரணம் தகுதி யுள்ள பெண்கள் கிடைக்காதது. ஒருமுறை விளம்பரம் செய்யப் பட்டு, தகுதியுள்ளவர்கள் கிடைக்கவில்லை. மறுபடியும் விளம்பரம் செய்யப்பட்டது. வந்த 46 மனுக்களில், 22 பேர் "இண்டர்-வியூ"-க்கு வரும்படி கோரப்பட்டிருக்கிறார்கள். "இண்டர்வியூ" ஆன பிறகு தேர்ந்தெடுக்கப்படுபவர்கள் தெரியும்.

VIDWAN T. MUTHUKANNAPPAN : ஏற்கனவே விதித்திருக்கும் தகுதிகள்படி பெண்கள் இப்பதவிக்கு கிடைக்காததினால் அவற்றை ஓரளவு தளர்த்தும் நோக்கமுண்டா ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : நிபந்தனைகளைத் தளர்த்துவதாக இல்லை. நிபந்தனைகள் நிச்சயமாக வற்புறுத்தப் படும்.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : பெண் போலீசாருடைய வேலைகள் என்ன ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The duties are : Patrolling areas where undesirable women may frequent, rescue of young girls fuond homeless and in danger of becoming prostitutes; accompanying Police on Immoral Traffic Act raids; Escorting to court and guarding in court female prisoners; escorting remand and female under-trail pprisoners; assisting investigating

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offcers and questioning complaints in cases, such as assaults on women accused and women and child witnesses; patrolling large Railway stations and meeting trains to deal with, control and assist women passengers; dealing with stray children; and bandobust, duties at large gatherings where women congregate, e.g., big public meetings where there are separate women enclosures should there be a large festival at a place where there is a Railway station and women congregate, a detachment of women police could be sent to the railway.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : If these are the duties of the women police officers, why should the Government insist on particular standards when women with such standards are not available throughout the whole State?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : It was a matter which was considered and it was felt that for discharging satisfactorily these duties, certain standards must be insisted upon.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Have the Government decided upon the dress they should wear?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : That is a minor matter. There should be no difficulty in deciding about it. If hon. Members have any suggestion, I would take them. (Laughter.)

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : As most of the applicants were found to be sub-standard in the matter of physical fiitness and other things, will the Government undertake security measures in order to protect these officers from molestation?

MR. CHAIRMAN : That is not a supplementary question.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Government do insist on some standards.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Anyway, that is not a supplementary question.

Transfer of Collectors

* 33 *Q.*—SRI A. K. THANGAVEL MUDALIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of District Collectors transferred from Chingleput district since January 1957 till date; and

(*b*) the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) Four.

(*b*) The changes were made on administrative grounds.

SRI A. K. THANGAVEL MUDALIAR : பதிலைத் தமிழில் சொல்லுமாறு கேட்டுக்கொள்கிறேன்.